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The Honorable Bill Frist
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Frist:

In the last several weeks, Chairman Specter has attempted to build a consensus within the Judiciary Committee on the matter of **comprehensive** immigration reform. His common-sense approach is to take the best elements of three major bills--McCain-Kennedy-Brownback, Cornyn-Kyl, and Hagel—and craft together legislation that would fare well in the committee and on the floor.

He has done this under enormous pressure to produce a consensus bill by March 27th. His mandate is to produce a comprehensive immigration reform bill that garners both a majority of his committee and a majority of the Republicans on his committee. This is an extremely heavy lift.

That is why it is so vital that you give Chairman Specter the time he needs to build a consensus, truly comprehensive immigration reform bill in his committee. This includes a workable solution for dealing with the 11 million undocumented workers living in our borders who are essential to continued economic growth. No bill can be called truly "comprehensive" without finding a workable solution to this difficult reality.

Artificial time constraints and perceived political pressures should not get in the way of the sound legislative process responsible Senate leaders have embarked upon. Majority leadership is about making good law, not making deadlines.

Sincerely,

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